MR. N. ABDUR RAHIMAN SAHIB (*Nominated*) : Had the Government any idea of having the accounts audited by a special staff?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : No.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*) : May I know whether the Government pay anything for the services rendered in auditing such accounts ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : No.

Silting up of the sea near the Alleppey Pier.

5.* **MR. K. M. KRISHNAN** (*Ambalapuzha II*): Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether their attention has been drawn by the Travancore Chamber of Commerce to the silting up of the sea near the pier at Alleppey with the consequence that the pier has become useless ; and

(*b*) whether the Government propose to do anything in the matter in the near future?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The answer is in the affirmative.

(*b*) Government contemplate, if necessary, obtaining the services of an expert to investigate and report on the causes of sand accretion and have in the meanwhile ordered immediate steps for dredging the sand now accreted.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*) : Sir, in view of the periodical occurrence of the silting up of the sea at the Alleppey Port, do the Government think it an urgent necessity to immediately consult an expert and do the needful in the matter ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : Government are considering the appointment of an expert.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*) : On a point of order. A member puts a supplementary question and this I understand only bears on the main question which has already been given notice of. I would like to know whether the Government Member concerned is entitled to say that he claims notice.

PRESIDENT : Yes.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*) : Is not the Government member who is to answer the question expected to post himself well with all the facts connected with the question ?

PRESIDENT : That is not a point of order.

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